

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A developing apparatus, comprising:
a developing container for containing a developer;
5 a developer carrying member to be rotated while carrying the developer thereon, said developer carrying member being provided in an opening portion of said developer container; and
a sealing member which extends in a
10 circumferential direction of said developer carrying member in the vicinity of an end of said developer carrying member and regulates movement of the developer toward the end of said developer carrying member by a magnetic force, said sealing member
15 including an arcuate portion extended along a peripheral surface of said developer carrying member and a non-arcuate portion disposed at an end, in the circumferential direction, of the arcuate portion;
wherein an end surface of the arcuate portion
20 of said sealing member on a side where the non-arcuate portion is not provided, is inclined such that a phantom plane including the end surface is closer to the arcuate portion than a center of arcuation of the arcuate portion.
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2. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said apparatus further comprises urging means for

pressing the non-arcuate portion.

3. An apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein
said pressing means includes a layer thickness
5 regulation member or regulating a thickness of a layer
of the developer to be carried by said developer
carrying member and an elastic member to be disposed
between the non-arcuate portion and said layer
thickness regulation member.

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4. An apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein
said elastic member is electrically insulative.

15 5. An apparatus according to Claim 3, a
projection is disposed between said arcuate portion
and said non-arcuate portion.

20 6. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein
said sealing member includes a magnet and a magnetic
material.

7. A sealing member for sealing magnetic
particles, comprising:

25 an arcuate portion extended opposite to
a peripheral surface of a rotation member for carrying
magnetic particles,

a non-arcuate portion disposed at an, in the

circumferential direction, end of the arcuate portion;
wherein an end surface of the arcuate portion
of said sealing member on a side where the non-arcuate
portion is not provided, is inclined such that a
5 phantom plane including the end surface is closer to
the arcuate portion than a center of arcuation of the
arcuate portion.

8. An apparatus according to Claim 7, a
10 projection is disposed between said arcuate portion
and said non-arcuate portion.

9. An apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein
said sealing member includes a magnet and a magnetic
15 material.